

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Seabrook Public
2 Works and Animal Control Complex Training Room, 1100 Red Bluff Road, Seabrook, Texas to
3 discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.
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5 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

6 Helen Burton – Ex. Absence	Chair
7 Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
8 John Coggeshall	Member
9 Monica Comeaux	Member
10 Debra Harper	Member
11 David Popken	Member
12 Heather Cable - Ex. Absence	Member
13 Kevin Padgett	Public Works Director
14 Sean Landis	Deputy City Manager
15 Robin Hicks	City Secretary
16 Stephanie Martinez	Executive Administrative Assistant

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18 Vice-Chair Sally Antrobus called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

19 **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
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21 The following two events were mentioned:

- 22 • The Evelyn Meador Library will be have an event on October 5, 2019 at 2p.m. called
23 Birds on the Bayou.
 - 24 • The Native Plant Society's Fall Symposium will be on October 3-5, 2019 at the South
25 Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center.
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27 **2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
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29 **2.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements from Committee**
30 **members, and park reports from Committee Park Checks. (Committee)**
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- 32 • There is a new water fountain at Meador Park
 - 33 • Celebration Seabrook will be on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Meador Park. There
34 will be street closures.
 - 35 • Bay Fest at El Jardin will be after Celebration Seabrook.
 - 36 • City Staff is looking to meet with the parks master plan consultant in the beginning of
37 December.
 - 38 • It is currently unknown when the next Carothers Garden Task Force Meeting will be.
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2.2 City Staff update.

Kevin Padgett, Director of Public Works, stated Staff has been preparing for the upcoming Celebration Seabrook event. The event is in a similar layout as last year's event.

2.3 Discussion and approval of the Action Item Checklist. (Committee)

- Volunteers: The Committee Members gave their volunteer hours to Chair Burton during the meeting to keep records current.
- Birding Event: The next birding class will be October 10, 2019 at 7pm at the Public Works facility and the next bird count will be October 5, 2019 at 9am at Pine Gully Park.
- Mile Maker Trail Map: Member Coggeshall is getting ready to start on this project.
- Woodlands Regeneration: Member Popken has done a clean out of the area. It will be an ongoing struggle with the cane.
- Irrigation System at Pine Gully: No updated information at the time.
- Carothers Coastal Gardens Task Force: There was a speaker for the Texas Nature Conservancy who gave insight on what it would take to convert a monoculture to native plantings. The price per acre was not as expensive as expected. One of the task force members Mr. Kyame stated the prairie can be done all by volunteer efforts. Prairies house a lot of different animal and insects. There was some talk about selling the Casita, since it will be less than an acre and will not have to be brought forth in an election. The money would then be used to enhance what is left of Carothers. Council gets the final say-so. There has not been much ideas as to what to do with the house. Vice-Chair Antrobus gave the Task Force an idea of a possible nature center at the last meeting. Another idea mention is to solicit the house for a possible use. With the house not being used as a venue currently, it has already saved the City a lot of money. Lots of Cities have a building to rent and use. The City can assign someone to research what these other Cities do with their rentals. There has not been anyone with passion for the building as all city employees have other job duties to tend to as well. The house needs to remain useful and open to the public. A Task Force member mentioned marsh restoration at bay, this could be put in the master plan.
- Fall Sweep: The Fall Sweep event will be on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Brummerhop Park. Clean up will be down NASA via a shuttle.
- Butterfly Garden Sign: No updated information at the time.
- Tree Planting Opportunity: On January 4, 2020, there will be tree planting day of 100 10-gallon trees from an anonymous donor. The trees will be of various native species. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming tree planting events.

- Update on Parks Master Plan: City Staff is working with and continuing their communication with the consultant. They are currently working on a survey to be released sometime in November. The pump track idea will be mentioned in the survey.
- Making Baybrook Park More Inviting: Committee Member Harper stated there is an area near the new trail for a butterfly/wildlife park.
- Rotary Funding for Friendship Park: No updated information at the time.
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon: The luncheon will be held on October 23, 2019 at 11:30am at Carothers Coastal Gardens. The committee members set the menu for the event.
- Report to Council: Vice-Chair Antrobus went over the presentation she will make to Council on October 15, 2020 Regular City Council meeting.
- Interpretive sign convering project: No updated information at the time.
- Keep Texas Beautiful: No updated information at the time.
- TxDOT SRTS Sidewalk Grant: The grant application has been submitted. The City Staff and Committee awaits the results.
- Trail lighting: This project is ongoing. City Staff is looking at solar powered lights.

2.4 Approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting. (Martinez)

Motion was made by Member Harper and seconded by Member Coggeshall

To approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting

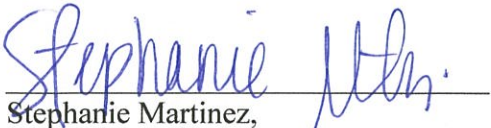
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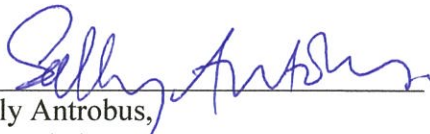
2.5 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items.

The next meeting will be November 7, 2019.

Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Stephanie Martinez,
Executive Administrative Assistant


Sally Antrobus,
Vice-Chair